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Proposed workplan of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery, 2018–2019

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 1/4, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption established the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery, in accordance with article 63, paragraph 4, of the United Nations Convention against Corruption. In that resolution, the Conference decided that the Working Group was to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the return of proceeds of corruption.

2. In paragraph 28 of its resolution 7/1, the Conference welcomed the outcome of the meetings of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery, invited the Working Group to propose future agenda items and decided that the Working Group should continue its work by, inter alia:

(a) Continuing its efforts to gather information on and conduct enhanced analysis of best practices for the identification and compensation of all different types of victims in accordance with the Convention, including, as necessary, by soliciting information from States parties, facilitating exchanges among experts and organizing expert panels, while taking into consideration similar work undertaken at prior meetings of the Working Group, by expert panels and in discussions;

(b) Conducting analysis on third-party challenges and their impact on asset recovery under chapter V;

(c) Continuing to collect data on best practices, with a view to developing non-binding guidelines concerning the timely sharing of information to enable States parties to take appropriate action, in accordance with article 56 of the Convention;

(d) Conducting an analysis of how communication and coordination between various asset recovery practitioner networks could be improved, with a view to

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developing guidelines for the proactive and timely sharing of information, as mentioned in subparagraph (c) above.

3. Two meetings of the Working Group will take place in the period 2018–2019: on 6 and 7 June 2018, and 29 and 30 May 2019. Pursuant to the topics included in resolution 7/1, the Secretariat has prepared a workplan to structure the work of the Working Group until the end of 2019. The proposed workplan also takes into account synergies with other intergovernmental bodies, as requested by the Conference, in particular with the Implementation Review Group, which is overseeing the review of implementation of chapter V of the Convention during the second cycle of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

4. In line with past practice, it was proposed that the agenda of the Working Group should include standing items that provide opportunities for discussion on the progress made in the implementation of mandates in the area of asset recovery; a forum for discussions on practical aspects of asset recovery, including challenges and good practices; and a forum for discussions on capacity-building and technical assistance. Furthermore, the thematic discussion would focus on specific areas in line with the mandates contained in resolution 7/1.

5. The proposed structure of the meetings of the Working Group until the end of 2019, as outlined below, has been prepared taking into account the available information and work carried out in the thematic areas to be covered in 2018 and 2019.

2018 meeting

Standing items

- Overview of progress made in the implementation of asset recovery mandates, including presentation of finalized knowledge products
- Forum for discussions on practical aspects of asset recovery, including challenges and good practices
- Forum for discussions on capacity-building and technical assistance

Thematic discussion

- Discussion on best practices, with a view to developing non-binding guidelines concerning the timely sharing of information to enable States parties to take appropriate action, in accordance with article 56 of the Convention
- Discussion on ways to improve communication and coordination between various asset recovery practitioner networks, with a view to developing guidelines for the proactive and timely sharing of information, as mentioned above

2019 meeting

Standing items

- Overview of progress made in the implementation of asset recovery mandates, including presentation of finalized knowledge products
- Forum for discussions on practical aspects of asset recovery, including challenges and good practices
- Forum for discussions on capacity-building and technical assistance

Thematic discussion

- Discussion on best practices for the identification and compensation of all different types of victims in accordance with the Convention, including, as necessary, by soliciting information from States parties, facilitating exchanges

among experts and organizing expert panels, while taking into consideration similar work undertaken at prior meetings of the Working Group, by expert panels and in discussions

- Discussion on third-party challenges and their impact on asset recovery under chapter V.